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H. R. 2872

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum
Pell grant from \$3,125 to \$7,000 over 3 fiscal years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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3 fiscal years.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pell Grant Expansion
5 Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PELL GRANT INCREASE.**

7 Section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)(A)(v) of subsection (b), by
10 striking “\$5,800” and inserting “\$7,000”;

1 (2) in paragraph (7) of such subsection, by
2 striking “the appropriate Appropriation Act for this
3 subpart for such year” and inserting “subsection
4 (g)”;

5 (3) by striking paragraph (3) of such subsection
6 and redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) of
7 such subsection as paragraphs (3) through (7), re-
8 spectively;

9 (4) by striking subsections (g) and (h) and in-
10 serting the following:

11 “(g) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—(1) Each fiscal year,
12 there shall be available to the Secretary of Education from
13 funds not otherwise appropriated, funds to be obligated
14 for the payment of grants under this part in the amounts
15 determined under this section, not to exceed (from such
16 funds not otherwise appropriated)—

17 “(A) \$13,300,000,000 in fiscal year 2001;

18 and

19 “(B) \$18,800,000,000 in fiscal year 2002;

20 and

21 “(C) \$23,600,000,000 in fiscal year 2003.

22 “(2) If the amount made available under paragraph
23 (1) in a fiscal year is not sufficient to pay all grants under
24 this subpart in the amounts determined under this section,
25 the Secretary may make such reductions in awards as may

1 be necessary, by either a fixed or variable percentage re-
2 duction or by a fixed dollar reduction.”; and
3 (5) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
4 (h).

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